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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Inventor(s): Thomas W Stone, et al. Examiner: Chiem, Dinh D Serial No.: 10/720816 Group Art Unit: 2883 Filing Date: November 24, 2003 Title: Variable Optical Attenuator Systems COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450 NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES Sir Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, 7/28/2005 , rejecting the following claims The fee for this Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 1.17(b)) is \$340.00. (complete (a) or (b) as applicable) The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply. (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below: \$ 110,00 one month \$ 430.00 two months three months \$ 980.00 \$1530.00 four months The extension fee has already been filled in this application. (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. Please charge to Deposit Account 50-1078 the sum of \$340.00 ... At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, Thomas W Stone, et al. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in B٧ an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents. P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Pamela Lau Kee Date of Deposit Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s) I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Petent and Trademark Office on the date shown below. Reg. No. 36,184 Date of Facsimile: August 5, 2005 Date: August 5, 2005 Typed Name: Ann Marie Radcliffe

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